

Welcome to AP European History at Western Kentucky University

Let me take this opportunity to welcome everyone to an academic “battery charging” at the Western Kentucky University Summer AP Institute. You are about to take the plunge into an exciting and rewarding academic experience in AP history. If you love history, and want to bring it to life for both you and your students this is the place to be. Here you will learn new techniques of instruction tailor made to work with the new exam format, be exposed to exciting new materials and technology, learn the latest ideas on how to increase student scores on the new exam, and finally return home armed with enough plans and materials to carry you through to the exam next spring. As a teacher, taking on an AP class can be a daunting experience. This one week course will answer your questions, provide you with professional connections and a lifeline to make the upcoming year easier to get through. You will also learn about career options that will open up as you become part of the many teachers who successfully prepare their students for the annual AP exam. What you will learn during this one week in June will make both you and your entire department more effective in meeting the needs of your student. Please bring your textbook, if you have selected one, and a laptop computer.

Sincerely

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**AP EUROPEAN HISTORY SUMMER INSTITUTE AT
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Topics of Instruction

1. What is AP European History?
2. Materials necessary to construct a successful course
 How to use primary sources to enhance understanding
3. Additional course readings
4. Managing course content
5. How to prepare lessons
 What am I going to teach today?
 Models of successful lesson plans will be distributed and discussed.
 A new (an effective) way to teach history
6. Writing for AP European History
 The two unique essay formats for AP European History will be explained:
 The Document Based Question
 Included will be sessions on how to teach the skill and how to score student responses
 The Free Response Questions
 Included will be sessions on using rubrics to score and teach the FRQ
 Class Assessments (how to manage them)
7. Using Technology in the classroom
 Listserve, websites, teaching tools and time savers
8. Reviewing for the National Exam

Western Kentucky University's Summer AP European History program is designed to prepare instructors to successfully prepare their students for the National Examination in May. Participants should plan to bring copies of their textbooks, if they have one selected. However, we will discuss and evaluate available texts for this course as part of the instruction. Additionally participants should bring a three ring binder notebook to manage handouts and organize the notes they will be taking in class. There will be approximately 2 hours of homework expected of participants during the week.